



Two year extension (2013/14 – 2014/15) of the Recreational Fishing Trusts Investment Plan 2008/09-2012/13

Summary of projects

Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs

Program / Project	Organisation	2013/14 funding	2014/15 funding
Re-Vamp The Fingerlings Tanks Remove old leaking hatchery tanks and replace with new ones at the Bingara community hatchery. Install a new air pump to service brood and fingerling ponds. These works will maintain enhance operation of this community hatchery which breeds fish for stocking in inland waters.	Bingara Anglers Club and Hatchery	\$0	FW \$14,529
Warabrook Dam water recirculation mills In voloes the fishing club purchasing and installing two wind powered water circulation / aeration systems within the larger of the two dams at Warabrook wetlands to improve water quality for stocked fish.	Warabrook Bush care Group & Singleton Fly fishing Club	FW \$20,900	\$0
Developing Mangrove Jack as a new key species for freshwater recreational fishing in NSW – Phase 2 Breeding and subsequent stocking of fingerlings into Clarrie Hall Dam. This project will provide NSW anglers with an exciting new high quality recreational fishing opportunity – mangrove jack in Clarrie Hall Dam.	Southern Cross University	\$40,600 FW \$40,600 SW	\$0
Port Macquarie Regional Offshore Artificial Reefs To construct the second regional concrete design-specific offshore artificial reef (>800 m3) in NSW to enhance recreational fishing opportunities.	DPI	SW \$372,500	SW \$552,500
Shoalhaven Regional Offshore Artificial Reefs To construct the first regional concrete design-specific offshore artificial reef (>800 m3) in NSW to enhance recreational fishing opportunities following the successful deployment of the first metropolitan artificial reef off Sydney.	DPI	SW \$557,500	\$0
Fish aggregating devices (FADs) A series of fish aggregating devices (FADs) are placed in coastal waters from Byron Bay to Eden to attract pelagic fish such as mahi-mahi and even tunas and marlin.	DPI	SW \$223,000	SW \$223,000
Marine stocking of important recreational fish species in coastal waters Involves implementation of a marine stocking program of key recreational species in NSW to enhance recreational fishing following completion of an Environmental Impact Statement and Fisheries Management Strategy.	DPI	SW \$300,000	SW \$300,000

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Building artificial reefs in estuaries Artificial reefs have been built in Lake Macquarie, Botany Bay, St Georges Basin, Lake Conjola and Merimbula Lake to create new fish habitat for recreational fishing. More reefs are being planned in other estuaries along the coast.	DPI	SW \$591,000	SW \$591,000
Fish stocking: enhanced fish production NSW DPI operates hatcheries that produce native fish and trout for stocking in freshwater impoundments throughout NSW. Trust funds boost production at the hatcheries, which has led to record numbers of fish being stocked and better fishing.	DPI	FW \$465,063	FW \$465,063
Fish stocking: dollar for dollar community program Community grants for fishing clubs to buy native fingerlings for stocking in rivers and dams.	DPI	FW \$200,000	FW \$200,000
Management of fish stocking to ensure responsible stocking practices Undertakes environmental assessments of fish stocking programs in NSW to ensure they are carried out in an ecologically sustainable way.	DPI	FW \$108,543	FW \$108,543
Gaden Trout Hatchery Funding for the ongoing operation of the hatchery, including operational costs.	DPI	FW \$455,667	FW \$455,667
NSW Recreational Fishing Environmental Assessment and Fisheries Management Strategy To carry out an Environmental Assessment of recreational fishing in NSW and develop an associated Fisheries Management Strategy (FMS) to address the environmental risks which will guide the future management of the recreational fishery.	DPI	FW \$97,000 SW \$291,000	FW \$107,500 SW \$322,500

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

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Coffs Jetty Foreshores Fish Cleaning Table Construction of an 8 person fish cleaning table in conjunction with planned boat ramp upgrade. The table will provide for larger, upgraded cleaning facilities to cater for the anticipated increase in usage resulting from the boat ramp upgrade.	Coffs Harbour City Council	\$0	SW \$20,000
Installation and upgrade of Stockton and Horseshoe Beach fish cleaning tables The project will install upgraded fish cleaning tables at the Ballast Ground - Fullerton Street, Stockton, and Horseshoe Beach Newcastle to meet angler requirements.	The City of Newcastle	\$0	SW \$20,210
Fish cleaning table and shelter at Shoal Bay Boat Ramp The project will install a fish cleaning table and shelter at the recently upgraded Shoal Bay Boat Ramp.	Port Stephens Council	\$0	SW \$11,495

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Construction of shelters over fish cleaning tables at Soldiers Point, Lemon Tree Passage and Karuah The project will install three shelters over fish cleaning tables located at the Soldiers Point Boat Ramp, Lemon Tree Passage Boat Ramp and Karuah Boat Ramp.	Port Stephens Council	\$0	SW \$16,500
South Durras – Fishing Wharf The project will construct a timber fishing wharf to allow anglers with limited mobility and people who do not have a boat to fish in a safe environment.	Eurobodalla Shire Council	\$0	SW \$22,000
Installation of boom gate to facilitate angler access at Laggery Point boat ramp, Trial Bay, South West Rocks - Installation of a boom gate with timed access at Laggery Point boat ramp in Trial Bay (near SW Rocks) to provide anglers with access to the ramp during peak holiday periods when the ramp is closed to boaters and fishers.	DPI / NPWS / ECOFishers	SW \$30,000	\$0
Camden Haven Accessible Fishing Platform - Construction of an accessible fishing platform, connected pathway and disability accessible car parking space at Dunbogan parkland on the Camden Haven River.	Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	SW \$100,000	\$0
Shoalhaven River - Bolong Road Fishing Platform - Council will construct recreational fishing facilities, combined with bank stabilisation work, on public land which is adjacent to private farm land, all of which is subject to severe bank erosion.	Shoalhaven City Council	SW \$25,000	\$0
Jamieson's Beach Stairs, Potato Point - To construct a timber and platform stairway to Jamieson's Beach at Potato Point, providing safe access for recreational anglers.	Eurobodalla Shire Council	SW \$15,000	\$0
Angel Ring Project 2013 to 2015 - To continue the installation of Angel Ring life saving buoys to save lives and raise awareness amongst anglers who fish rock platforms.	ANSA NSW	SW \$56,000	SW \$42,000
Moruya Riverside Park Fishing Platform - Construction of a timber fishing platform to allow limited mobility persons, school groups and anglers without boats access to a centrally located facility.	Eurobodalla Shire Council	SW \$60,000	\$0
Fish cleaning table Narooma town wharf - Construction of an additional fish cleaning table at Narooma town wharf to handle the large numbers of anglers wanting to clean fish at this location. The table will be built into the existing wharf structure.	Crown Lands	SW \$12,390	\$0
Quipolly Dam Casting Wharf - Construction of a 20 x 1.8 metre metal framed walkway and a 6 x 3 metre casting platform to provide passive recreational fishing opportunities at Quipolly Dam recreation area.	Liverpool Plains Shire Council	FW \$50,000	\$0
Small grants program These funds are set aside for small community based recreational fishing projects to enhance recreational fishing. Projects are limited to \$10,000.	DPI	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000
Recreational fishing infrastructure grants manager This role identifies gaps in fishing infrastructure in NSW, including fish cleaning facilities and quality accessible fishing platforms.	DPI	SW \$128,645 FW \$14,000	SW \$128,645 FW \$14,000

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<p>Recreational fishing access The Access Fisheries Manager role works closely with stakeholders to preserve and enhance long term recreational fishing access, including negotiating with Government agencies, recreational fishing groups and other non-government organisations on behalf of recreational fishers. The role also identifies and facilitates new fishing locations and areas.</p>	DPI	SW \$138,145 FW \$160,623	SW \$138,145 FW \$160,623
<p>Fisheries Management Officer (Angler Access) The Freshwater Access Fisheries Manager role works closely with stakeholders to preserve and enhance long term recreational fishing access, including negotiating with Government agencies, recreational fishing groups and other non-government organisations on behalf of recreational fishers.</p>	DPI	FW \$122,403	FW \$127,650

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Program / Project	Organisation	2013/14 funding	2014/15 funding
<p>Fishing 4 Therapy – Recreational fishing workshops for the physically and mentally disabled (extension following completion of phase 1) Recreational fishing therapy workshops provide an opportunity for those suffering disabilities to benefit from the therapy of throwing a line in. These workshops are held in Sydney's Centennial Park, allowing the workshop attendees to fish for carp from the pond viewing platform, which is adapted to suit people using wheelchairs and frames.</p>	Australian National Sportfishing Association – NSW Branch	\$0	SW \$64,500
<p>Sydney International Boat Show – Fishcare Bluey Advisory Trailer The DPI Fisheries Advisory Trailer 'Bluey' will feature at the Sydney International Boat Show to promote and educate responsible, sustainable and safe fishing practices to the large audience of approximately 80,000 people.</p>	DPI	\$0	SW \$16,500
<p>Phase three of the Guide to Spearfishing in New South Wales This project follows the success of the 1st and 2nd editions of the Guide to Spearfishing in NSW and involves reprinting and distribution of a further approximate 15,000 copies. The Guide promotes responsible and safe spearfishing practices. Copies are issued free of charge to the community.</p>	Underwater Skindivers and Fishermen's Association (USFA)	\$0	SW \$17,000
<p>Fisheries Advisory trailer, south west NSW To purchase a fisheries advisory trailer (similar to the current Perchy and Bluey trailers) based at the Narrandera Fisheries Centre for use by Fishcare volunteers and angling clubs to promote responsible fishing practices, recreational fishing trust programs and fishing rules and regulations at open days / field events.</p>	DPI	FW \$31,635	\$0
<p>Promoting Responsible Recreational Fishing Involves resourcing the Port Macquarie Marine Discovery Centre with interactive displays, fishing equipment and educational material to maximise the opportunities for visitors to discover key messages regarding sustainable recreational fishing, safe angling and promote the work of the Recreational Fishing Trust.</p>	Port Macquarie Marine Discovery Centre	SW \$67,600	\$0

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Recreational Fishing Alliance Fishing Safety Officer Project (additional funding) To provide operational funds to the previously funded Recreational Fishing Safety Officer, which will be involved in implementing a range of recreational fishing safety initiatives.	NSW Recreational Fishing Alliance	SW \$107,750	\$0
Sydney International Boat Show Fishing Clinic, August 2013 The Fishing Clinic runs at the Sydney International Boat Show on an annual basis. The Fishing Clinic promotes recreational fishing and the DPI Fishcare Advisory Trailer at the Clinic promotes responsible and safe fishing practices to the large audience at the Boat Show.	Boating Industry Association of NSW Ltd (BIA)	SW \$50,000	\$0
Gaden Trout Hatchery Tour Guide position	DPI	FW \$65,000	FW \$65,000
Recreational fishing information A range of fishing brochures and stickers are produced every year to help anglers keep up-to-date on the latest fishing rules and good practices. Large print runs are distributed free of charge to anglers.	DPI	SW \$142,500	SW \$142,500
Recreational Fishing Guides Freshwater and saltwater fishing guides are produced each year to help recreational anglers identify their catch and summarise the fishing rules.	DPI	SW \$135,000 FW \$55,000	SW \$135,000 FW \$55,000
Fishing workshops A series of fishing workshops for children are held in Sydney, at Government hatcheries and across regional NSW, including workshops for special needs groups and NESB communities.	DPI	SW \$36,310 FW \$19,780	SW \$36,310 FW \$19,780
Recreational fishing awareness raising Provides information on fishing rules to anglers and encourages responsible and sustainable fishing practices through a range of media (newspaper, magazines, radio, billboards) at peak fishing periods.	DPI	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000
Get hooked...its fun to fish This primary schools education program is designed to teach children at an early age about the importance of aquatic habitats and to introduce them to safe and responsible fishing practices.	DPI	SW \$396,000 FW \$39,000	SW \$396,000 FW \$39,000
Fishcare Volunteers This is the flagship program of the Trusts. Over 300 trained volunteers are involved in face to face education with anglers to help them to be familiar with fishing rules and to promote responsible fishing practices.	DPI	SW \$595,200 FW \$170,000	SW \$595,200 FW \$170,000
Recreational Fishing Promotion and Event Management Involves working with fishing tournament organisers and the community to promote events that operate in a safe and environmentally and socially responsible way. This also includes implementing codes of practice for recreational fishing in NSW.	DPI	SW \$115,760 FW \$28,940	SW \$115,760 FW \$28,940

Platform: Enforcement of fishing rules

Program / Project	Organisation	2013/14 funding	2014/15 funding
Coastal recreational mobile squads (enhancement activities) Three fisheries officers conduct a range of activities to enhance voluntary compliance with fishing rules by providing advisory and education services and creating effective deterrence to illegal activity by undertaking patrols and enforcement operations.	DPI	SW \$471,678	SW \$471,678
9 Coastal Fisheries Officers (fee compliance) This contribution of 9 coastal Officers ensures compliance with the requirement to pay the recreational fishing fee. This program complements the other Fisheries Officers funded by NSW DPI and other sources.	DPI	SW \$1,053,476	SW \$1,053,476
6 Inland Fisheries Officers (enhancement activities) Six inland fisheries officers conduct a range of activities to enhance voluntary compliance with fishing rules by providing advisory and education services and creating effective deterrence to illegal activity by undertaking patrols and enforcement operations	DPI	FW \$815,026	FW \$815,026

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Program / Project	Organisation	2013/14 funding	2014/15 funding
How many species of blood worms are there in NSW and does this matter? Determine the number of species of blood worms along the NSW coast which are used as bait by recreational fishers, to facilitate the development of appropriate fishery management plans.	Australian Museum	\$0	SW \$20,578
First implementation of an independent observer program for the Charter Boat Industry of NSW: data for industry-driven resource sustainability Deliver quantitative catch and effort information on the diversity, composition and lengths of species retained and released in the NSW coastal charter boat fishery for industry, fisheries managers and scientists for resource assessment purposes for the recreational sector.	WildFish Research	\$0	SW \$111,500 + \$47,800 Charter Trust
Safeguarding recreational fishing in NSW from ciguatera fish poisoning Following several reports of ciguatera poisoning of recreational fishers this past summer season, this project will provide an assessment of ciguatoxins present in recreational fishing species in NSW, which will assist with the provision of food safety advice to recreational in the future and contribute to minimising further human intoxication events.	University of Technology, Sydney	\$0	SW \$35,000
Improving assessment and management of the recreational tailor fishery in NSW The research project will provide information on the tailor stock and the recreational tailor fishery in NSW. The information will enable stock assessment and improved management of this important species.	DPI	\$0	SW \$164,986

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Essential infrastructure to support fisheries enhancement monitoring activities in New South Wales This project will purchase infrastructure items required to support the artificial reef research program, including monitoring required under permits for deployment of artificial reefs.	DPI	\$0	SW \$51,635
Improving our understanding of the values, beliefs, motivations and attitudes of recreational fishers in NSW This study will explore how the values, beliefs and motivations of fishers influence the attitudes and behaviours of different segments of the recreational fishing community.	University of Wollongong, Australian Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS)	\$0	SW \$75,000 FW \$31,034
Managing the recovery of Murray crayfish in the southern Murray-Darling Basin A collaborative program to assess the population status of Murray crayfish in the Murray Darling Basin, particularly within black water affected reaches and to develop a long term monitoring strategy for Murray crayfish.	DPI / Nature Glenelg Trust	FW \$95,166	FW \$72,011
A review & analysis of the determination of two species of hammerhead sharks as threatened in NSW Review and critique the process which led to the listing of great and scalloped hammerhead sharks as protected in 2012 by the NSW Fisheries Scientific Committee.	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	SW \$38,500	
NSW Fisheries Enhancement Research Program (offshore reef and marine stocking monitoring) This project combines the research and monitoring requirements of the existing Sydney Offshore Artificial Reef project and the Marine Stocking Program.	DPI	SW \$317,330	SW \$525,330
Developing environmentally friendly recreational fishing gears & practices for NSW coastal areas: phase 1 The project will identify and recommend environmentally friendly recreational fishing gears and practices for use in NSW coastal areas.	DPI	SW \$86,000	SW \$271,927
Enhancing Lake Macquarie recreational fisheries through relocation of large fish from Eraring Power Station canal system This project requests collaborative funding from the Recreational Trust to support a research project aimed at optimising the relocation of mature sized fish from Eraring power station to Lake Macquarie, studying their movements post-relocation, and monitoring their appearance in the fishery.	DPI	SW \$94,985	\$0
Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 The project facilitates and conducts monitoring, sampling and biological research on billfish, tuna, sharks and other gamefish captured and weighed at the major game fishing tournaments in NSW.	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	SW \$28,500	SW \$29,000
Unearthing the life-history and fishery of beachworms for their sustainable management in NSW Determine vital aspects of the biology and ecology of beachworms and their fisheries to provide necessary information for their future sustainable harvesting.	Sydney Institute of Marine Science	SW \$30,000	SW \$30,000
Rescue and protection of Macquarie perch from upper Lachlan river system and investigations into captive breeding techniques. Continuation of research to maintain captive Macquarie perch rescued from Lachlan catchment until a self sustaining population can be established in a refuge reach free from Redfin perch.	DPI	FW \$85,283	FW \$102,858

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Building a stronger, more resilient and sustainable Murray Cod fishery in NSW Utilise angler-derived and fishery independent data sources to determine status of Murray cod populations with the Murray Darling Basin and improve understanding of key factors influencing successful Murray cod recruitment.	DPI	FW \$103,255	FW \$103,538
The New South Wales Research Angler Program – Mulloway Involves anglers contributing to biological and fishery assessments for mulloway given its overfished status.	DPI	SW \$185,362	SW \$183,229
Scientific data collection from recreational fishing tournaments in NSW Aims to sample the catch and effort from Basscatch and other freshwater native fish events and club-based gamefishing in NSW in support of the assessment of billfish, tuna and sharks and freshwater native fish.	DPI	SW \$175,852 FW \$43,963	SW \$175,852 FW \$43,963
Gamefish tagging Provides valuable scientific information on the movement and growth of billfish, tuna, sharks and sportfish and encourages anglers to participate in fisheries management and research.	DPI	SW \$136,910	SW \$136,910
Effectiveness of freshwater stockings & recreational freshwater fishing assessments Involves completion of scientific studies on western drainage freshwater fish stockings to develop cost-effective stocking procedures for large-scale releases of fish Also involves determining areas to be stocked, optimal stocking sizes and methods, the impacts of stocked fish on resident species, and the effectiveness of size limits on selected fisheries.	DPI	FW \$228,999	FW \$228,999
Research on spawning sites, reproductive behaviour, stocking effects and movement of Murray cod in upland and lowland riverine habitats in the Murray-Darling River System	DPI	FW \$50,000	FW \$50,000

Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Program / Project	Organisation	2013/14 funding	2014/15 funding
Support for the NSW Fish Habitat Partnership, Working together for healthy fish habitat Provision of administration support for the NSW Fish Habitat Partnership in the form of contributions towards the salary of an Executive Officer (EO), meeting, communication and administrative costs and Chairperson expense allowances.	NSW Fish Habitat Partnership	\$0	SW \$20,000 FW \$10,000
Habitat Action Program...Making more fish naturally Involves development of a series of on-grounds works programs to improve habitat rehabilitation and fish stocks in consultation with the CMAs.	DPI	SW \$500,000 FW \$200,000	SW \$500,000 FW \$200,000
Coastal fish habitat protection and management This position manages fisheries habitat protection issues, threatened species management and seeks opportunities to actively enhance recreational fisheries and fishing access where possible via development assessment, land use and natural resource management planning processes.	DPI	SW \$173,198	SW \$173,198

Aquatic habitat protection and fish conservation in the south west region A conservation manager based in Albury manages fish habitat protection and aquatic threatened species management issues in south west NSW amongst government and non-government organisations, landholders, catchment management authorities and recreational fishing groups.	DPI	FW \$181,623	FW \$181,623
Increasing the capacity of recreational fishing clubs to undertake habitat projects	DPI	SW \$167,267	SW \$167,267

Platform: Fishing fee coordination and payment network

Program / Project	Organisation	2013/14 funding	2014/15 funding
Recreational fishing havens annual loan repayment Involves repayment of a loan used for the buyout of commercial fishing entitlements to create 30 recreational fishing havens.	DPI	SW \$2 million	SW \$2 million
Expenditure Committee meeting expenses The saltwater and freshwater committees of expert anglers reviews Trust funding applications and ongoing progress of programs.	DPI	SW \$33,000 FW \$33,000	SW \$33,000 FW \$33,000
ACoRF meeting expenses The Advisory Council advises the Minister for Primary Industries on recreational fishery issues as well as priorities for expenditure of recreational fishing fee funds on programs that benefit recreational fishing.	DPI	SW \$30,000	SW \$30,000
Recreational fishing licence fee administration Maintenance of licence fee payment network, including Government Licensing Service.	DPI	FW \$528,000 SW \$1,232,000	FW \$528,000 SW \$1,232,000
Trust Executive Officer This role coordinates the Recreational Fishing Trusts and associated projects to ensure quality service delivery, accountability and transparency.	DPI	SW \$164,000	SW \$164,000
Fee research database This database collects information on the details of fee receipt holders and other demographic information for use in research surveys.	DPI	SW \$63,000 FW \$27,000	SW \$63,000 FW \$27,000
Freshwater Recreational Management The role is responsible for management of existing Trust funded programs, including freshwater recreational grants and dollar for dollar stocking grants.	DPI	FW \$166,000	FW \$166,000
Licence fee renewal facility Enhanced fee renewal service for anglers.	DPI	SW \$115,000 FW \$50,000	SW \$115,000 FW \$50,000
Recreational Fishing Trust grants governance enhancement and improvements This role ensures the performance of Recreational Fishing Trust funded projects by maintaining milestone reporting requirements for all projects. Regular audits of projects are undertaken to ensure good governance of the expenditure of Recreational Fishing Trust funding.	DPI	\$0	SW \$122,127

More information

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